

Appln. No. 10/553,672
Amendment dated July 22, 2009
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing β -cell disruption in pancreatic Langerhans' islets, which essentially consists of

administering granulocyte colony-stimulating factor as an active ingredient of a composition to a type II diabetic patient in need thereof in an amount sufficient to provide said preventing.

Claims 8-24 (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) The method [[o]] of claim 7 wherein the granulocyte ~~colony stimulating~~ colony stimulating factor is administered without any other agent for preventing [[cell]] β -cell disruption in pancreatic Langerhans' islets.